

Board of Commissioners

February 4, 2008 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

Minutes 12/27/2007 and 01/07/2008. Logsdon asked for a correction on the bottom of page two of the minutes for 12/27/2007, changing February 28th to January 28th, under Meeting Date and Finance Meeting. Logsdon made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Discussion was had on the cost of medical expenses for jail inmates. Logsdon made a motion to accept the claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Jail Maintenance

Sheriff Lindsey explained that only \$5,000 was originally put in his budget for jail maintenance because they were unsure if they were going to hire a service or put someone on staff. It has been decided that it would be more beneficial to have a part time maintenance person on staff. Lindsey stated that he would like to hire Jim Higdon who has been doing some maintenance for them occasionally. He feels that it will benefit the county. Rininger stated that he knows Higdon and he will do a good job. Lindsey will be putting in a request for an additional to the council. Discussion was had on hours and rate of pay. Gogel made a motion to hire a part-time maintenance person at the jail. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Repeater Tower

Gogel stated that he spoke with Randy Yoder with Harmonic Electronics regarding the building needed and the moving of the antenna at the Abbey. He told them that the commissioners are in support of what they want to do but Yoder would have to come in and sell it to the council. The quote for moving the antenna, building the building, and all associated expenses is \$15,135. Gogel made a motion to request an additional of \$15,135 out of Cum Cap. Logsdon seconded. All in Favor. Lueken discussed his concerns with liability.

Perdue stated that if a tower is being purchased that the county owns an unused tower. Gogel stated that the tower is just being moved.

Santa Claus Water

Michael Johannes presented the commissioners with a revised Memorandum of Understanding for the commissioners to sign. One paragraph was removed making it more acceptable to the council. Johannes explained that Santa La Hill would like to have everything signed prior to February 8th, to avoid having to file an appeal in the court case. Logsdon stated that he spoke with Lenn Stein and Terry Tischendorf of Santa La Hill and they agreed that the settlement was fair and the MOU should be signed. Logsdon made a motion to sign the MOU provided that all other parties sign. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Ambulance Transfer Request

EMA Director Perdue asked that the old EMS ambulance which is being taken out of service be transferred to EMA. He would like to have the vehicle as an emergency response vehicle, because it can hold

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supplies and has a strong enough engine to tow a trailer. Gogel made a motion to approve the transfer when the ambulance becomes available. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

GIS

Perdue explained that all of District 10 now are on the ThinkMap GIS. It has been decided that to truly help the other counties in District 10 all of the counties should share the road layers and addresses. Logsdon made a motion to sign the agreement to exchange GIS road layers and addresses with the other counties in District 10. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

E911

Logsdon explained a bill which is up for vote in the state legislature regarding the E911 system. Part of the bill states that all 911 systems must have a back up. In small counties where there is only one center a back up can be shared between counties. Perdue stated that if the Spencer County 911 goes down it will switch over to Warrick County.

Discussion was had on 911 fees assessed on land lines, cellular phones and pre-paid phones. Part of the bill would assess a flat fee of \$1.00 per month on land lines and cellular phones.

Tower Removal

Perdue stated that the two towers at the Newburgh Dam which were donated by the Corp of Engineers need to be taken down. He has a quote from Sterret Crane to not exceed \$8,000. Perdue stated that if the tower was purchased the tower alone would cost over \$16,000. Painter stated that the highway has always used Graber. Perdue is exploring other options.

Hoosier Safety Foundation Grant

Perdue stated he would like to apply for a Hoosier Safety Foundation grant for tires and rims for the 8x8 ATV including installation. Gogel made a motion to apply. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The money Hoosier Safety Foundation grants are provided by the purchase of Red Bird License Plate. Last year the county received over \$32,000 from the purchase of the Red Bird Plates.

Highway Report

Frost Law Signs – Highway Superintendent Painter stated that the Frost Law Signs are being put up in the county. The Frost Law regulates the weight of trucks on county roads.

Total Patcher – Painter asked if the commissioners want to ask for the appropriation for the purchase of the new Total Patcher. Rininger asked what has been decided about the old DuraPatcher. Painter said he will be going to a Dale town meeting tonight but unofficially they have said that they want it. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional of \$54,500 from Major Moves to purchase a Total Patcher. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Logsdon made a motion for the funds received from the sale of the DuraPatcher to go back into Major Moves. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Meeting Dates

Gogel asked if it was possible to change the date of the first meeting of each month to the first Tuesday instead of the first Monday. He stated that if calls need to be made regarding the meeting, he does not like to call people on Sunday. Shelton stated that if additionals are requested at that meeting, then we may miss the deadline of the Journal-Democrat. Shelton will talk to the editor of the Journal-Democrat to see if additionals could be put in late if necessary.

Meeting break at 10:05 am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:14 am.

Engineer Report

Ordinance 2008-04 - Engineer Lloyd explained that she would like to increase the amount per mile needed in bond for a truck hauling permit on surfaced blacktop roads. She would like it increased from \$80,000 to \$90,000. Logsdon made a motion to sign Ordinance 2008-04. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Corridor Study - Rininger stated that BLA is working on a corridor study with LEDC and the Redevelopment Commission and they have requested Lloyd be involved.

Road Sign – Shourds Equipment – Logsdon asked if the highway construction sign directing the way to Shourds Equipment should still be up. Lloyd stated she will check.

Culvert – Gogel stated that there is a culvert at the corner of CR 700 E and SR 62 that is smashed in because people cut the corner and run off the road. Painter stated it may be in the state right-of-way. He will check on it.

Association of Indiana Counties Legislative Meeting

Rininger stated that he, Logsdon, Shelton, Assessor Arnold and Councilman Kroeger attended the Association of Indiana Counties Legislative Conference last week to keep informed of the upcoming legislature. Logsdon discussed the implications of the proposed circuit breaker and how the money coming into the county will decrease by a larger amount each year.

Meeting Dates Cont.

Shelton spoke with the editor of the Journal-Democrat and she said if an additional needed to be added on Tuesday it would not be a problem as long as they knew ahead of time it may be coming.

Meeting Date Moved

Rininger stated that Logsdon will not be able to attend the scheduled meeting on March 3rd. Gogel made a motion to change the first meeting in March scheduled for March 3rd to February 29th. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Legal Report

Animal Control - Lueken stated he has received a draft of the construction agreement for the Animal Control Building. He gave copies to the commissioners for review. Gogel stated he will be meeting with the Animal Control Board on the 28th. Gogel made a motion to table the discussion until February 29th. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Property Maintenance Ordinance – Lueken stated that the group working on the Property Maintenance Ordinance will be meeting again on February 7th and it should be ready for discussion at the meeting on February 19th.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

Board of Commissioners,

President
Attest:

Cindy Shelton, Auditor
